

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2647, National Defense Authorization Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S10655–S10709*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1835–1862, and S. Res. 320. **Page S10700**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1340, to establish a minimum funding level for programs under the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 for fiscal years 2010 to 2014 that ensures a reasonable growth in victim programs without jeopardizing the long-term sustainability of the Crime Victims Fund. **Page S10700**

#### Measures Passed:

**Medal of Honor Commemorative Coin Act:** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1209, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the establishment of the Medal of Honor in 1861, America's highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States, to honor the American military men and women who have been recipients of the Medal of Honor, and to promote awareness of what the Medal of Honor represents and how ordinary Americans, through courage, sacrifice, selfless service and patriotism, can challenge fate and change the course of history, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10708**

**Casimir Pulaski to be an Honorary Citizen of the United States:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.J. Res. 26, proclaiming Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously, and the resolution was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S10708–09**

### Conference Reports:

**National Defense Authorization Act Conference Report:** By 68 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 327), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2647, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, to provide special pays and allowances to certain members of the Armed Forces, expand concurrent receipt of military retirement and VA disability benefits to disabled military retirees. **Pages S10663–87**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 64 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 326), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the conference report. **Page S10669**

**Unemployment Compensation Extension Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3548, to amend the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 to provide for the temporary availability of certain additional emergency unemployment compensation, occur at 2:30 p.m., on Tuesday, October 27, 2009. **Page S10709**

**Berger Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, October 27, 2009, following a period of morning business, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Irene Cornelia Berger, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia; that debate be limited to 60 minutes equally divided and controlled between Senators Leahy and Sessions, or their designees; that at 2:15 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; provided further, that upon confirmation of the